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FORUM FOR THE FUTURE

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**¶1.** (U) Canadian interlocutors expressed thanks for the information on the upcoming BMENA Forum for the Future, which they also received from the Italians and Moroccans, according to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Algeria, Libya, and Morocco Desk Officer Denys Laliberte. He added that DFAIT has taken note of U.S. representations on the importance of foreign ministerial attendance, but cautioned that last year Member of Parliament Deepak Obhrai, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, represented Canada and was likely to do so again. He queried whether Secretary Clinton would attend given U.S. representations. Poloff used reftel language to respond. Laliberte underscored that Minister Cannon will decide "in late September" about his possible participation.

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